

database, a plan for statewide expansion, and the costs associated with the expansion.

SECTION 21.84.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall not expand the regional interdisciplinary pilots during the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Requested by: Senators Martin of Guilford, Dannelly, Metcalf, Purcell, Wellons, Plyler, Odom, Lee; Representatives Earle, Nye, Baddour, Esposito, Easterling, Oldham, Redwine, Thompson

EVALUATION OF EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM

SECTION 21.85.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, shall determine the reasons why children are waiting for evaluation services provided by the Developmental Evaluation Centers. The Division shall develop an action plan to reduce the waiting period for evaluation services.

SECTION 21.85.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, shall determine the reasons why children and their families are waiting for services that follow the evaluation process. The Division shall identify the specific services that children are waiting for and develop a plan to address the waiting period.

SECTION 21.85.(c) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, shall assess ways in which to create efficiencies among the therapies that are provided within the Early Intervention Program, Children With Special Health Services program, and other programs. The Division shall also evaluate ways to combine early intervention services provided by the Developmental Evaluation Centers, regional therapists, local health departments, and area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse authorities to gain efficiencies.

SECTION 21.85.(d) Not later than December 1, 2001, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on the assessment and plans of action for all of the above. The Department shall present a final report on the implementation of this section not later than April 1, 2002.

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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM RESTITUTION POLICY